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>> Mayor Adler: Let's convene, September 2nd, 2021, 1008, here in Austin city hall. We have a quorum present. Colleagues, we're going to convene the meeting this morning. I'm going to read in the changes and corrections. We'll convene the meeting. We'll call the speakers to speak. And it looks like we have about eight or ten, so we'll take them. Everyone will get three minutes. When we're done with the speakers, before we do anything on consent we're going to recess this meeting and we will go into executive session just to look at the ballot language question so that staff can start working on that. So we'll go into executive session, we'll come back out. We have the option to take

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action at that point on that item. And then we'll move into the processing of the consent agenda. At this point, it doesn't look like we have a lot of items -- or any items to pull. I'm sure that will potentially change, but we'll see if we can get through that. We have one citizen communication speaker on zoning this afternoon. We have speakers that can sign up until 1:45. We'll then call the speakers as close to 2:00 as we can. At this point, Jerry is predicting that we don't have any discussion items. If it works that way, maybe this meeting will end earlier than normal today. I'm going to be off the dais for from 2:00ish to 3:00, 3:30ish, but it doesn't look like there's anything this afternoon that I need to be here for that you can't handle in my absence.

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And the mayor pro tem is aware of when I have to step off the dais. So, if that's okay with everybody, we're going to go ahead and jump right into speakers. Remember, people had until 9:45 this morning to sign up. As a practical matter, I think they actually closed it at 5 'til, but people should not count on that. 9:45 is the time when they tend to cut it off. I'm going to go ahead and call the speakers. Is Martin Jones here? Mr. Jones, why don't you come on down to the podium. You have three minutes to speak. >> All set my timer. Blessed are the brief, for they shall be invited back. Good morning, Mr. Mayor and councilmembers. Welcome back to your chamber. My name is Martin, studio director at Austin Studios, our

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20-acre complex in Mueller is owned by the city of Austin and operated by the Austin Film Society for the past 21 years. I'm here to express our support of the creative content program for the television series Walker. An hour ago, cameras started rolling for the second season. Walker is based at Austin Studios. They employ 300 people. Austin resident, Jared, stars in the series. Your \$213,000 investment is very important for a broadcast series like this. Here's how. As a longtime film and television producer, I can tell you most series' end their season running plus or minus \$200,000. This helps reconcile the balance sheet. The year-end overages are their higher

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because of COVID. They pay permits and location fees. It would be cheaper to avoid downtown, but they don't do that. They weave the city into the story. This represents four hundred days of employment. They could have done many TV shows, shot a pilot in Austin, filmed establishing shots and gone off to another state like New Mexico and saved \$3 million a year, but they didn't. Long-running television series are incredible job-producing factories. This makes Texas a viable lifelong home for crew members. We see this incentive as essential to the strategy for maintaining a show of this magnitude in Austin for the long term. I want to thank you in advance for your support. To humanize this, I'd like to tell you a quick story. A Texas native who has lived in Austin for 20 years started his

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career in 1998 as a production assistant has now produced over 41 episodes of network to primetime television. John Patterson is one of the producers of Walker. He's getting to work at home for the first time in many years. This year, he'll add 22 more episodes to his resume. So, many people are benefiting from this. We see this as essential. We hope you'll keep this a part of your strategy and help us to succeed in the most busy year of filming in this city in the past decade, since Friday night lights left. [ Buzzer sounding ] >> Thank you. Do you have any questions. >> Mayor Adler: While you're here on this

issue, I've been told by our economic development staff that getting a local incentive helps you pull down a state incentive. Is that right? >> Yeah, having the mixture of both is essential because the amount of incentives available

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across the country and the world, frankly, are looked at as essential. And I met with executives in Los Angeles about this series, vice president told me directly that the incentive mix would be critical to their decision to come to Austin. >> Mayor Adler: In so far as the local commitment helps pull down the state, because the state looks to see whether the locals are participating or not. It's my understanding that last year council gave, as part of this 380 program, \$140,000. And that helped pull down a state incentive of just under \$10 million, about \$9.4 million. And I think that, you know, that's important. I am real appreciative that the project happens here, that Jared Jared, an Austin native, is keeping the show here.

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So, please express that appreciation. I grew up in a house, colleagues, with three girls, so Gilmore girls is something that I grew up with. [ Laughing ] >> Mayor Adler: And obviously he was central to that. But then 15 years running with Supernatural filmed here. It spawns a lot of creatives in our city being able to continue working in our city, to actually plant roots in the city, raise families in the city. And that's kind of one of the sectors that we're in danger of losing in the city. So, being able to support that, I think, is real important. So, you expressed appreciation for Jared, because I know that as the star of these shows, of this new show, he had significant clout in deciding where it would be sited and how it would be done. >> That's right, Mr. Mayor.

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15 years of flying to Vancouver after that successful series, he told the president of the CW, when he said what do you want to do next, he said sleep in my bed, have breakfast with my children, and go to work from home. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Colleagues? >> Tovo: Mayor, I assume this isn't the time to ask questions of staff, though we've started to discuss. I have a followup question for you. Thank you for participating in a conversation yesterday. I want to be sure that I'm understanding the answer that you just provided to the mayor. In our conversation yesterday, it was my understanding that local incentives are not required for the state grant, for the state incentive. I assume your response to the mayor is really about not a requirement, but just the breadth of things that the film commission at the state level will be reviewing. Is that correct? >> It's my understanding -- of course I'm not the producer of the show, so I'm not applying.

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But my understanding is that it is not required one or the other, but from an executive position at a major production company or studio, they're looking at at the portfolio of opportunities. Having both incentives makes a difference in making the final decision. >> Tovo: I just wanted to be sure we're understanding there are occasions where it is required that there be local participation to bring down state funding. This is not one of those programs. I just want to be sure that we're really all having the same conversation about that point. I appreciate very much the work that you do. I'm delighted that walker Texas is going to be filmed here again. I appreciate all of those who work on it. I do have questions for staff. It does not diminish the work that you are doing or that walker Texas is doing, but I am going to ask those questions of staff later. So if you would pull this item, mayor. And I have a couple others. >> Mayor Adler: Councilmember Kelly. >> Kelly: Thank you. I just wanted to show some

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appreciation and push it forward for the work that you do at Austin studios. I've taken classes there. The work that you provide and the training for the community is impressive and great. And if you could thank Doug gray for me as well, that would be wonderful. You have a wonderful crew over there. You're doing great things in the community. Thank you. >> We appreciate you, and glad to hear that. And thank you for approving the Austin public contract that afs has been running. This is our second time. And expanding it for our workforce development. We'll be bringing those people and those opportunities together with shows like this to become those lifelong careers based here and not elsewhere. So, thank you. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Yes, councilmember Casar. >> Casar: Thank you for joining us and I've gotten a chance to meet a handful of crew members because you have a standing set in my district. They grab coffee where I tend to in the morning. It's been great to be able to

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have that standing set and that production, and those jobs up in my district. I just want to thank the everyday folks that are doing that work in the industry. Thank you. >> Thank you. And anecdotally, I just found out two or three senior department heads have moved back to Austin from Atlanta. They had bought houses and move and they've come back to Austin. Hopefully you'll be seeing more of those people getting coffee. >> Casar: I've been asking for sneak peeks about what's going to happen and they've stayed tight-lipped. >> Great. >> Mayor Adler: You should be pushing for a cameo. >> Those are long days. If you like watching paint dry, be an extra on a TV show. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you very much. >> Thank you, Mr. Mayor, councilmembers. I appreciate it. Thank you for your support. We're

happy for this opportunity. Thank you. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. We anticipate that item will be pulled and discussed later. Let's have Reginald Smith. Come on down. You have three minutes.

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>> Good morning, councilmembers. I am the founder and chair of building commons usa and I'm here today in support of funding the re-entry hub. This is a very important investment in the community. As a person who has transitioned from jails and prisons myself, I'm aware of the challenges and barriers that people face when they're trying to reintegrate back into the community. We look forward to providing re-entry support services to all the folks that need those kind of services and their families. And just on behalf of my board and my executive director, Karl, we just want to thank you for the opportunity to serve the city in this way. Thank you. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Yes. >> Casar: Welcome back to chambers. >> It's good to be back. >> Casar: Thank you for pushing our city to continue to do better for our reentering

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community for such a long time. I appreciate the folks at the legislator, Democrats and Republicans last night, that continue to try to keep ban the box policies in effect that I know you've worked on for so long. >> Yes, sir. >> Casar: I want to thank you for this work and thank the city manager and all the staff for taking these funds that were allocated to reduce harm. We can reduce recidivism by being better at having re-entry services. I want to congratulate you and thank the council and the staff because so much of what we did in the budget back in 2020 is starting to bear fruit as we bring these sorts of programs to the community. Thank you so much. >> Thank you for your support and championing the causes of folks in re-entry for many years. I want to finally say BP usa looks forward to putting a dent in folks cycling back into jails and prisons.

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We hope we can help them on a successful trajectory in life and we hope to eliminate the need to build more jails and prisons. >> Casar: And the mayor pro tem was a real leader on bringing that amendment forward to us back in the 2020 budget process. Congratulations and thanks to you as well. >> Harper-madison: Thank you. If I'm recognized as well? >> Mayor Adler: I'm sorry? >> Harper-madison: If you don't mind, I'd like to ask Mr. Smith a question. >> Mayor Adler: Go ahead. >> Harper-madison: Thank you, councilmember Casar. That definitely is a cause that's near and dear to me, as a person whose formative experience looks like mine. My family is directly affected by the justice system in so many ways on so many levels. I would like very much for you to very briefly talk to my colleagues about our recent discussion about a project that you're bringing to Austin that you're doing in Houston. I think

some of the work that we need to do around permanent supportive housing and removing barriers, we need to do that

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work from a workforce perspective also. You're looking for a space in Austin right now. You want to duplicate -- it's like tires and body shop in Houston, but we all know that Houston, you know, doesn't have the same barriers and restrictions that we do from a zoning perspective. >> Exactly. >> Harper-madison: If you could real quick talk about what y'all are doing in Houston, some of the work my colleagues and I are going to be about to do moving forward is remove barriers for people trying to produce permanent supportive housing. >> Thank you. >> Harper-madison: Sure. >> Thank you, councilmember harper-madison. Yes. The councilmember is referring to a company, a public benefit corporation called in courageous industries pbc for public benefit corporation. We are in Houston simply because the challenges to finding space here in Austin were insurmountable. It is a company owned by folks

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that have justice involvement. We started a tire store where we employ folks that have justice involvement, or challenges to employment. And then we also offer them peer support on those jobs because we realize that because they're transitioning back into the community, and back into the workforce, that they might lack some of those soft skills that are necessary, not only to get a job but to keep a job. And then we also want them to have a career ladder. So changing tires is great. We pay a good wage. But I understand that folks want more out of life. They want a job that they can buy a house and take care of their families. And so we are also trying to work with Austin community college in Houston. We want to partner with Houston community college to bring in other trades that we can help folks learn, such as solar panel installation or something or that nature. So we would really love to do that here in Austin if the city

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council could help us in that regard. We are ready to invest our resources in Austin, we just need Austin to invest in courageous industries. Thank you. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. All right. Let's go to the next speaker. Thank you, sir. Next speaker I have is Colin. No? What about Cynthia Vasquez? Harold Mcmillin? Good morning. >> Good morning. Good morning, mayor, mayor pro tem, and council. My name is Harold Mcmillin. I'm here in support of agenda

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item 48. And firstly I want to say thank you to mayor pro tem harper-madison for helping us drive this resolution through the process and coming to you with five cosponsors. So I think that means we're in good shape with that. I wrote that resolution. I wrote that. I'm verbose, so it weighed in at like 15 pages. You don't have to read 15 pages. It's a lot cleaner. But for those of you that don't know the item, it is working with the city to reinforce the good things about the cultural history, arts and culture of central east Austin, and the African American cultural heritage district. And addressing a need for a

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professional mixed use establishment there. That's a cultural center. And I say professional meaning not a city facility, but something that operates like the industry does 24 hours a day. Artists, when they're painting, they don't do 9:00 to 5:00s. They need access to the studio at 2:00 in the morning if they need it. It's a whole package of programmatic things that are included in that resolution that we are quite proud of. I am the director of diverse arts cultural works and I'm the chair of the east Austin creative coalition. My organization runs Kinney's backyard, the urban renewal board is our landlord there. It has been. We've been on that vacant lot I think 14 years now. And I also live right down the street from there, so I'm in the

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neighborhood organization as well. I've been a student of urban renewal policies and practices in the city for a long time. Social policy was my first trip through graduate school. So I'm not pedestrian about this stuff. And when you read that proposal, that resolution, you saw that that -- the issue -- the big issue about all of that language, all of the things that need to be done, is really about the legacy of urban renewal programs and the negative effect on black and brown communities in Austin. [ Buzzer sounding ] >> And I'm verbose. I could go on and on, but I won't. Thank you very much for your support. This work represents, at this point, tens of thousands of people that have provided

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positive input and support. And we take that very seriously. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. >> Questions or comments? >> Mayor Adler: Mayor pro tem. >> Harper-madison: Thank you, mayor. I think Mr. Mcmillin is being a little too humble. You said a very long time, but you're talking about over a decade in the making of us getting to this place saying that we have an African American cultural heritage district, where that actually means something. One of the things you said to me when I was making my rounds

and campaigning, you said, are we ever going to have African American heritage cultural district actually mean something? [ Laughing ] And I didn't know what you were talking about. I didn't recognize that over a decade of work had gone into creating the language and the space around this ecosystem that's so very important. So I just want to thank you for your persistence and your advocacy for the community and for cultural arts. I think without people like you, it's easy for policy-makers to

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really overlook the importance of using our powers, as you will, to make certain that we are taking care in perpetuity of the people who take care of us in that way. Thank you very much for your persistence and dedication. I really appreciate it. >> Mayor. >> Ten years, yes. But to be very clear, I conceived and wrote up the description for the African American cultural heritage district around 2000. >> Harper-madison: Wow. >> The city adopted it in 2007. And we're back here. I feel really good about where we are now, though, because I feel like people get it. They're taking it seriously. And we marshaled a lot of people who are prepared to do the next phase of hard lifting, you know,

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the heavy work. >> Harper-madison: We appreciate you laying the foundation. Thank you, Mr. Mcmillin. >> Renteria: Mayor, I also want to thank you. And I'm a person that grew up there on -- off 11th street, on 10th street there on media. And I'm 71 years old, so I know Victor, Charlie playhouse. I went and hanged out there, you know, all my years growing up there in the Guadeloupe neighborhood. And I see what happened with the urban renewal, which we call it urban removal. And just, again, you know, it was just horrible because I lost all my friends, you know. And friends that I grew up with. And from this day on I don't even know where they went off to, where they moved to. But there were no benefits, nothing. Just, okay, a lot of the people

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were renters there. And they just -- so they had to move. And no funding for anything, just, bye, you know. That's what happened to it that that area and it's just sad. It's never been back the way it used to be, you know. And I hope that we can make some investments in there so that we can bring that back. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. All right? Yes. >> Harper-madison: Actually, I'm sorry, Mr. Mcmillin, this isn't for you. Ct, I need a hand with my computer. I'm unable to use my mouse. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. Let's go to the next speaker. Is Stacy Williams here? Do you want to speak? Ms. Williams? While you're coming down, is Bonnie Ramsey here? You'll be next. Go ahead, please. >> Hello, good morning, my name is Stacey Williams, a member of

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the east Austin creative coalition. I've been working very closely with Harold for the last three years in the running of events and things at the backyard and some other things dealing with this particular agenda item 48. I'm here in support of that. Really I'm here to say thank y'all for hearing, finally, as far as a unit goes. I know we've had through the process, through the years, through the history of Austin certain individuals that have been willing to hear, but never as a unit like this for something that's going to actually be tangible to the community at large, not just the black community that was negatively impacted by the history. This is an example of what can happen when grassroots organizations and efforts actually make an effort to link arms with the city instead of looking at the city like the adversary. Thank y'all very much for providing that opportunity. Many of y'all know, I would

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hope, that all over Austin there's these mitigating microcosms of little cultural things that are just desperate to be acknowledged. And I would hope that y'all would each take this as an example that we can do it and the city is behind it and we want to present as a diverse and welcoming city for everyone, not just a bastion for certain demographics. Thank y'all very much for all the work that you've done. Thank you, Natasha harper-madison, mayor pro tem. Thank you so much for everything that you've done to make this happen. Thank you, mayor Adler. Thank you, council. Thank y'all for making this happen. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Next speaker, Bonnie Ramsey. While Ms. Ramsey is coming down, is Clifford here? No? What about Matthew?

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Okay. What about Zane hedai? Zane? No? What about lily? You'll be up next. Go ahead, ma'am. >> Yes, my name is Bonnie Ramsey and I've lived in the neighborhood about a block and a half away from Kenney's backyard for 24 years. And when I moved to the neighborhood, I was part of -- I think it was phase one of Anderson hill, the revitalization project. And I was given grants by the city of Austin and a federal grant. And I wouldn't have been able to

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move into the neighborhood without it. So, thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to be a homeowner. There's no way I would have been able to do it without the city of Austin's help and

assistance. And I feel blessed and count my blessings every day. In the meantime, I have watched the neighborhood be revitalized and the culture decimated. The cultural district is being chipped away, and promises being made by various councilmembers and the city coming to our neighborhood association meetings and promising us that this building or that parcel would not be destroyed or

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preserved. And it was destroyed. Or another box would be built. And all in the guise of affordable housing. And it was very disturbing for me to watch it over the past 24 years. And when affordable housing was built, we agreed to that. And now there's the affordable housing units that I'm aware of remain vacant right across from Kennedy Durham's backyard. So this is the last stand that I see to preserve culture. And it just seems the right thing to do, before the developers were off the radar and they chipped away at all of the culture and it's all gone. And Harold is so humble.

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I consider him a living legend. And I just respect him so much for what he's doing and what he's been working so hard and diligently, just trying to do. And I'm just so proud of him. [ Buzzer sounding ] >> So I would hope that you would approve this. Thank you so much for just considering it and listening to everything that's going on. Austin is watching and -- >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. >> The country is watching right now. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. >> Thank you. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you very much. Ms. Aresich. Is Austin here? What about Austin berry? Berry? What about Doug young? That's -- no, Austin young?

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Doug young, rather. No? That is a zoning case being called this afternoon. Is Leah bojo, do you want to speak? Okay. That would get us into hfc speakers. Is Rachel stone here? And what about mark gillbert? We'll call those people in a second. Go ahead. >> I'm lily and I'm here to encourage you to support item 50. Light pollution is a problem we have come to live with. Sometimes the stars at night are not even visible deep in the heart of Texas. For us, this is sad. But for birds, this can mean death during migration and in massive numbers. The solution is literally as simple as the flick of a switch. It is not energy or time-consuming. According to a study by the Cornell lab, turning off lights

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can reduce mortality rates of mortality rates by 11 times. When we learn about pollution, we learn about oil and rivers. What we can all see each day is light pollution, which is just as destructive and a lot easier to stop. Turning off the lights and telling people why could teach people about the pollution that is right in front of us. Birds have been very important to me for a long time, but watching the birds outside each day during the pandemic has been even more special to me. Even during times like winter storm Ori, when it felt like the world was turning upside down, the birds were still there. The birds we see are our connection to nature, even when it seems like there isn't one. And they show us what marvels nature has when in the city, name might seem far away -- nature. When I look out my window, I won't see a deer, but I might see a dove. Rachel Carson wrote her famous

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work. She argued that birds are natural indicators of an ecosystem's health. And wrote about the horrors of a spring devoid of birdsong. Austin is considered the live music capital of the world. Birds contribute to that. Whether they are migrating or not, let's save the birds. Thank you. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you very much. >> Any questions? >> Mayor Adler: Mayor pro tem. >> Harper-madison: Not a question necessarily. I just want to applaud your bravery. A lot of people get to that podium and they forget their words and they aren't confident. And you were everything but lacking confidence. And so I really just wanted to commend you on that. I couldn't help but notice you have on a school uniform. >> I'm in 7th grade. >> Harper-madison: Fantastic. I really appreciate you coming today and participating in this process. And I hope to see more young people come to chambers now that we're back, and participate in the process. It's fantastic.

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I really appreciate your participation. >> Thank you again. >> Mayor Adler: Hold on one moment. Hold on. I think other people want to talk to you, too. Councilmember Kelly. >> Kelly: Thank you so much for coming to speak before us today. I have a 7th grader myself at home, and she's really scared of coming up here and talking. So I want to echo the mayor pro tem's sentiments and say it was a delight to listen to you speak with us. Thank you so much. Please encourage your friends at school to come, too. >> I will. >> Mayor Adler: Hmm? All right. Anyone else? You did a great job. Thank you. >> Thank you again. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. >> Mayor? >> Mayor Adler: Yes. >> Tovo: I would just note, it's an important message. Thanks very much. As you probably know, because it sounds like you're real familiar with the city council process, we often make decisions in part because of the testimony that people -- that members of the public give us. So, thank you for taking time out of your class day. I know you're in school right now. Thanks for taking time to talk

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about an important issue on our agenda. All of that public participation helps us make good decisions. It's real important for members of the public to stay engaged. Thanks for doing so. >> Mayor Adler: Do we have anybody else that signed up on city council matters here this morning that we didn't call? Okay. I'm going to go ahead then and recess for just a moment the Austin city council meeting. I'm going to convene the meeting of the Austin housing finance corporation. Today is Thursday, September 2nd, 2021. The time is 10:44. We have a quorum of the corporation's directors here. I want to call some people that have signed up to speak. Is Rachel stone here? No? Is mark Gilbert here? Do you want to speak?

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You don't need to speak? Great, thank you. Anybody else signed up to speak on Austin housing finance corporation I haven't called? All right. So now that we've called all the speakers, we're going to recess the Austin housing finance corporation meeting. We'll reconvene it later in the day to take action. And here at 10:45. Also at 10:45 I'm going to reconvene the meeting of the Austin city council here on Thursday, September 2nd, 2021, 10:45. Colleagues, let me read into the record the changes and corrections. We will repeat later when we call the Austin housing finance corporation that item 8 was replaced by item 9 and addendum

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number 1 is withdrawn and replaced with addendum item 9. But we'll do that when we get to that agenda later in the regular city council meeting. Item number 1, the minutes, we're approving the ones from August 10th, 2021. Item number 18 is withdrawn and replaced with item 72. Item 25 is withdrawn and replaced with item 73. Item 34, recommended by the water wastewater commission on a 7-0 vote, commissioner Michael's motion, vice chair seconded with commissioners absent and one vacancy. Item number 39 includes districts 6 in addition to the other districts listed. Item number 41, we are today re-appointing the following individuals to the Austin rosewood community development corporation board of directors,

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position one, Jamie burns, her term expiring January 2023. Position six, Nelson, January 21st, 2023. Quincy Dunlap, 2023, position nine, Jordan, term expiring January 1st, 2023. As that is posted. Item number 54 has been postponed to October 14th, 2021. Item number 76 adds councilmember tovo as a

sponsor. We are pulling from the consent agenda today item 13 and item 71. Ahfc late backup, we'll point out that item number 1, item number 6 and number 8 have backup. But in the city council meeting

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we have late backup in 8, 10, 13, 39, 54, 55, 60, 61, 64, 75. Colleagues, does anyone want to pull anything other than those two items? Councilmember tovo. >> Tovo: Mayor, you captured 13. I'd also like to pull 8 and 19. I have quick questions about all three of those items. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. >> Tovo: It shouldn't take long. >> Mayor Adler: 8 and 19? >> Tovo: And 13. Quick questions about all three of those. >> Mayor Adler: Sounds good. Anything else to pull? Is there a motion to approve the consent agenda items 1-51, 67-74, and item number 76? We're pulling items 8, 13, and 19 and 71. Is there a motion? Mayor pro tem makes the motion. Is there a second to the motion?

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Councilmember Ellis seconds. Council, do you want to read into the record fill in the blank? >> Yes, mayor and council, Cindy, law department, here today to recommend that you approve a payment of \$2,250,000 to settle the roke lawsuit, item 15 on your agenda today. This lawsuit arises out of an officer-involved shooting on may 2nd, 2017 involving Jason and officer James. In exchange for this payment, the plaintiffs individually and as heirs at law to the estate of Jason and on behalf of all wrongful death beneficiaries of Jason will execute a full and final release which will release officer James and the city of Austin from any and all claims arising out of the may 2nd, 2017 incident and dismiss their lawsuit filed against the city and officer in the United States district court for the western district of Texas.

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Thank you. >> Mayor Adler: Which item? >> Item 15. >> Mayor Adler: That was item number 15. Also, colleagues, we're pulling items 43, 44, and 45, which are the compensation items, so that we can discuss in executive session and then we can act on those. So, the motion has been moved and seconded. Any discussion before we vote? Councilmember Kelly. >> Kelly: On the consent agenda could you please reflect my votes as no on 10, 15, 22, 23, 28, 29, 31, 42, 69, and 73. >> Mayor Adler: So noted. Let's take a vote. Those in favor of the consent agenda? It's unanimous on the dais, and we're missing councilmember alter. The others voting aye. Councilmember pool? >> Pool: I wanted to make a couple of comments on the consent agenda. >> Mayor Adler: Go ahead. >> Pool: Okay. I can't be sure if I can be heard unmuffled.

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Let me try this. There were two items that I'm bringing today on the consent agenda and I just wanted to offer some short remarks. On item 50, I want to thank the Travis county autobahn for their lights out campaign to protect our bird population during both the fall and spring migration periods. With this resolution, we join Travis county in turning off nonessential lighting in public buildings from 11:00 P.M. To 6:00 A.M., during peak migration. And we'll be doing it again in the spring from mid-march to mid-may. We are also asking the public to join us in this effort. Nighttime lighting can disorient the birds that are migrating on their usual path and make them vulnerable to collisions with buildings. An added benefit for the city and the public to turning off the lights is energy conservation and pollution

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reduction. I want to thank Lily. And I'm sure that I have mangled your last name, and I apologize. I want to thank Lily, the student from the Ann Richards school for young women leaders for coming to speak in support of this resolution today. And I see she's still out in the audience. Thank you, Lily. And my thanks to my cosponsors joining me and the entire dais for supporting Travis county autobahn's efforts to protect our bird population. And then I had a couple of comments on item 74, which is the easy wind traffic study. And this is before we approve it. I'm eager to see the data that our transportation staff will bring us as part of the study so that we can move toward opening this street to enable better public safety response and access for the crestview station community. I want to be really clear. The gate predates this council.

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It was installed about ten years ago in 2011 with the crestview station zoning ordinance. Concerns that were shared by the developer at the time were focused on the negative effects of additional traffic cars on an existing neighborhood. Over time it has actually impeded public safety and that was not the intention at all of the ordinance passed in 2011. The gate has also, in the recent past, attracted vandalism of public property. No one on this dais supports or encourages damage to or destruction of public property and I want to be crystal clear on that point. The positive side of this situation now developing is the community-building happening with crestview station's homeowners association.

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As the recognized voice of the neighborhood, they are respectfully engaged with city staff and with my office. And I very much appreciate that. And I support this action and the pilot study we will approve on consent here today. The study is running concurrently with new traffic data that will be gathered -- that is

being gathered on morrow, which runs perpendicular to easy wind and has speed mitigation devices installed, including a new ex-pension of the sidewalks from north -- extension of the sidewalks from north Lamar to Watson. I thank my cosponsors and look forward to the preliminary results that we will hear soon from our city traffic engineer. Thank you, mayor. >> Mayor Adler: I want to note a couple things here. I'm excited to see item number 8 as I know my colleagues, especially councilmember Fuentes

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and councilmember Renteria are. This is to fund dual language pre-k in the del valle ISD for families that otherwise weren't eligible or qualifying. And I think one, this is an important program, just by itself. But it is evidence, I think, of how the city is internalizing the calls to push for equity and participation, and access in ways that the city just didn't do not too long ago. So, real proud to be -- have voted for that today. And then manager, with respect to items 20, 22, and 24 which are contract extensions for homelessness services, I raise the same issue as the other week. We have to make sure those extensions include terms to make sure that we're getting all of the data that is necessary to really evaluate the system overall, keep everybody working forward. I know that homeless strategy

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officer gray is anticipating doing that. Please know that that is just really important for us to make sure we get done. But I am pleased to be part of a council that's voting to extend those contracts, focused on helping people that are experiencing homelessness in our community. Anything else before we vote, colleagues? Councilmember Casar and then councilmember kitchen. >> Casar: I also just wanted to note so much good being done in this consent agenda and I can't help but reflect on that good as part of what representative democracy can do when you don't -- when you have districts that are fair, voters that are engaged and a body that is trying to work towards what's best for the majority of people. We have on this agenda housing for children experiencing homelessness, housing for adults experiencing homelessness, housing for people living with HIV or AIDS, pre-k for children in southeast Austin, support for

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the African American cultural district that's been worked on for so long, re-entry services for people coming back into our city. And as we welcome them with open arms. And that just on a backdrop of state laws going into effect that restrict voting rights or unconstitutional and unconscionable attacks on the right to abortion care, or the ability to carry a gun openly without a license. These aren't things that I think the majority of Texans or the majority of people in our community want. And unfortunately, I think

you see some of this bear out because we don't have districts that are fair. We don't have equal access to the ballot box. And we continue to see, I believe, rule by a very small marijuana of the over the majority of people. And so that makes me so that makes me more appreciative of our system of democracy in Austin where we all work together to try to find the right path for

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the most people. So while I know a lot of people in our community, including many of us on the dais, fees such a heavyweight today, I find hope in our community here as we continue to do our best for the city. >> Mayor Adler: Councilmember kitchen was nex, councilmember Fuentes and then councilmember Kelly. >> Kitchen: I just have a comment on item number 37 and a request to our city manager. This relates to a contract for the aac, our animal services center. So I'm wanting to -- I understand that this item was not brought to the commission so I just want, city manager, to ask you as this goes forward just to consult with the commission and talk with them about it. I understand there's some concerns. And it was an issue that wasn't brought to them. Can we do that? Can we ask the staff to bring it to them for a conversation?

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>> Cronk: I'll certainly let staff know that, yes. >> Mayor Adler: Councilmember Fuentes. >> Fuentes: Thank you. Colleagues, I'm excited to see item number 8 come forward, which is our expansion of quality childhood education for our families in del valle. This agreement builds off the direction I brought forward during the American rescue plan act funding discussions that we had earlier this summer. So I'm excited to see this move forward. And this will help us expand access to full language, full day pre-k, which is pretty exciting. I also want to highlight that Travis county commissioners' court also joined us and they were inspired by our commitment and they are also allocating 750,000 from their arpa funds so we'll see bigger investment in expanding access to pre-k. And with this funding that the city is doing -- that's important that Travis county is also joining us in this

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effort because as you know del valle is in the city and also in the county. With the city's portion of the funding we're able to expand dual language pre-k programs at five campuses this year so we're already seeing an impact from our commitment. And those campuses include Collins elementary, del valle elementary, Hornsby, Gilbert and pop haam. And what we've known is for far too long our families in del valle have lacked adequate access to childcare options and with this funding we'll be able to help families not have to deal with long waitlists or having to make difficult decisions on whether or not they have to quit their job to be able to stay home to take care of their kids. This brings us a step closer to

making sure that del valle is not a childcare desert. And for me it is a personal priority and as a recipient of pre-k I know what an opportunity this can do in

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shaping and changing one's life. So this one is close to home and I'm glad we're here to support it. I want to thank city staff and del valle ISD draft for getting it quickly through the process and I want to thank United Way success by 16 for being a constant champion in the fight for increased quality early childhood education programs. And I also want to take a moment to give a special shout-out to my predecessor. Often times as new council members we get the opportunity to build off the work of the individuals who came before us. In this case our county attorney, Delia Garza, really served as the foundation so my team was able to build off of what her and her team were able to do. And thank you to my colleagues here on the dais today for for making sure that childcare was part of the American rescue act

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dollars and including this in the spending framework. I look forward to working with you all on similar efforts in future. >> Mayor Adler: And I spoke early because eight was pulled early by councilmember tovo so we'll be discussing that item and I apologize for misleading people. Also number 48 I think there's some language changes being discussed on that. So I know we just voted to approve that on consent. Do we want to reconsider that so we can pull that later? >> Harper-madison: I would rather not pull it, but I do have some language that I would like to share with my colleagues which I believe the agenda office has sent out a draft for item 48. This is edits proposed by the irb and I want to make sure this reflect version 3 of item 48. >> Mayor Adler: The logistic way we'll do that is I'll entertain a motion to reconsider the vote on the consent agenda so as to take 48 off so we can make those changes and we can come back. >> Harper-madison: Okay. >> Mayor Adler: There's a

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motion to reconsider. Is there a second to that? Councilmember pool seconds that. Any discussion on the reconsideration of the vote on the consent agenda? Yes. >> I just wanted to speak before we finalized consent. >> Mayor Adler: I'll give other people to speak, other people raised their hand to speak. We'll do that. Those in favor of reconsidering the vote on the consent agenda please raise your hand. Those opposed. It's unanimous with everyone here, councilmember alter off. I'm now going to entertain a motion to approve the consent agenda but adding to the pulled items item number 48. So it's 8, 13, 19, 43, 44, 45, also number 48 and 71. Is there a motion to approve the consent agenda with that additional item pulled. Councilmember Casar makes that motion, there is a second. We'll vote on

the consent agenda. All the comments that people made earlier with respect to things they wanted to be shown voting no on still

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remain. Those in favor of consent agenda please raise your hand, those opposed? It's unanimous on the dais with councilmember alter off. Continuing now, people who wanted to make comments on the extent that was approved and with a -- to the consent agenda that was approved, we'll go to councilmember Kelly and then councilmember Ellis. >> Kelly: Thank you. I always admire how you make this such a tight ship. The mayor spoke in his state of the city address about division in our city and it can come in several forms including physical barriers. And the pilot program to open gate is a wonderful way to connect people and facilitate ability, especially all first responder vehicles at a site which has become an expensive safety hazard, having cost the city over \$15,000 in maintenance and has been the scene of nearly 384 car wrecks over the last four years.

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So thank you, councilmember pool, for bringing forward this important item and inviting me to co-sponsor it can you. Thanks. >> Ellis: Thank you, mayor. I also appreciate how well you can keep track of us. I wanted to highlight a couple of items on the agenda. Item 47 is for the trail of lights, which is in the northern part of my district. I know that over the years now we've been dealing with this pandemic it's been really tough knowing which events are going to proceed and which ones are not, so I'm happy to bring this item for the second time. I'm not happy that I have to I am happy to sponsor and thankful to my co-sponsors for allowing the trail of lights foundation to make some final determinations in the future about whether they're going to do an in-person or drive-through event. So I know it's really important for people to be able to enjoy their holidays in the ways that they have done year ever year and appreciate the foundation for being creative and flexible through this process. We also have item 32 on our

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agenda, which is ongoing repairs of our moon towers. I just think it's worth point outing that our moon towers are something that makes Austin very special and I believe we are the last city in the country to still have moon towers. So I know they're very special to our community and I just thought that was a good contract to be continuing on with as we enjoy things that are very special to Austin. >> Mayor Adler: All right. Motion in front of you, moved and seconded. We've passed the consent agenda. Everybody has made their comments. Mayor pro tem. >> Harper-madison: [Inaudible]. Now I have it, thank you. One of the last in-person proclamations I got to hand out before the pandemic was when I

got to stand right over there and declare February 6th, 2020 to be Mrs. Barbara Scott day in the city of Austin. We may as well call second

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second, 2021 another Mrs. Barbara Scott day. She's been one of the most tireless, vigorous, unrelenting champions any neighborhood in the city could ever see. Her drive to make the city finally stop neglecting colony park has been long and grinding and today it's bearing some of its most tangible fruit yet. What's before us with these colony park items today is an innovative strategy that takes central health's plans for a colony park health clinic out of its holding pattern. When I came into office those plans were conditioned on the city moving forward with the colony park sustainable community vision, but Mrs. Scott and her neighbors and I want to make certain to acknowledge the neighbors. She's not alone. She's got an army behind her. Mrs. Scott and her neighbors worked with the city staff, with central health, with ka telllous and my office to come -- cat telllous and my office to jumpstart the clinic's construction.

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The clinic has made it abundantly clear that time and time again our community is being equitably invested in leaves some parts of town far more prepared than others. Hopefully the pandemic will be in our rearview mirror by the time this clinic opens. There are other areas in the eastern crescent that this will help address. This is great for the community and for Mrs. Scott and those who have stood behind and beside her and I'm truly proud to see this item moving forward today. >> Mayor Adler: All right. Councilmember Casar? >> Casar: Obviously the most difficult and tragic is for the Rocke family, and

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there is no way to do these, but I am glad that we have reached a settlement today. >> Mayor Adler: All right. That said we've taken care of consent items. Colleagues, we're now going to go into executive session. I'm told that we can -- we have a choice. We can either do executive session remotely, we can all go back to our offices. Or as a group we could go back into executive session room. Is there anyone hear that would feel more comfortable if we did it all remotely? If there's not an objection then we'll do the executive session that way. All right. So the city council will now go into closed session to take up one item pursuant to section 551.071 of the government code the council will discuss legal issues related to item 71, which is the -- ordering the election. Without objection here at 11:10 we'll go do that and we'll be back momentarily and we can take that action

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on 71 so that the staff can begin its work. See you all remotely.

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>> Tovo: Mayor, while we're waiting for the Austin housing finance corporation folks I can put number 8 back on the consent agenda. >> Mayor Adler: Great. Thank you, guys. In closed session we discussed legal issues related to item 71. We're reconvening the Austin city council meeting here at 11:56. And we have the Austin housing finance corporation folks with us so I'm going to recess this meeting -- before I do, councilmember tovo, you said item number 8 was ready to go. >> Tovo: If councilmember Fuentes is. >> Mayor Adler: Councilmember Fuentes makes a motion, councilmember tovo seconds it. Let's take a vote. Those in favor of item number 8, those opposed? I'm showing at councilmember alter off the dais and the others voting aye, it passes. Let's recess the Austin city council meeting here at

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11:56 and at 11:56 we're going to reconvene the Austin housing finance corporation meeting. We have a quorum present and we're going to continue on. I want to put in the record that there's late backup on Austin housing finance corporation items 1, 6 and 8. We have previously called all of the speakers that wanted to speak. Do you want to take us through the consent agenda? >> Slightly, mayor, Mandy de mayo. There are eight items on today's agenda. Items number 1 through four are improving inducement resolutions for upcoming housing developments. The first one is for private activity bonds. The first one is for \$25 million for a senior project called harbors at

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creekside. It is in district one. As you noted previously there is late backup, a memo that provides additional context for this item as well as item number 6, they are related. Item number is an inducement resolution for a property to be developed called live make apartments for next slide, please

million dollars and that will be in district 3. Item number 3 is an inducement resolution for \$30 million in private activity bonds for a project called Libra tod Austin and that is located in district 3. Item number 4 is an inducement resolution for up to \$45 million for the redevelopment of the rbj tower to be known as the Rebecca. That is in district 3. Item number 5 is approving a resolution appointing me, Mandy de mayo, to replace Rebecca giello for a variety of ahfc corporations.

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Item number 6 is approving a resolution authorizing the creation of a new non-profit corporation affiliate, ahfc Arbors corporation. This is related to the Arbors at creekside senior again there is late backup as you noted previously. For this item and for this project. Item number 7 is the service agreement between the city of Austin and the Austin housing finance corporation for next fiscal year. That is related to city council item number 14, which you previously approved this morning on consent. Item number eight, as you noted, has been withdrawn. And there is a late backup memo explaining that. And item number 9 as in the addendum is amended ahfc operating budget. I offer those on consent and if there are any questions.

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>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. The consent agenda would be items 1 through 7 and item number 9. Is a motion for the item? And a second? Any discussion? Councilmember Renteria? >> Renteria: I really want to thank the staff -- housing staff for this. This is going to create a lot of real deep affordability in my district. I have two projects, one on Gardner and the other one on Tillery. And it is an example of what we can do with our land that we own. There will be in the 30, 40, 50% mfi. So this is really a great thing and really great for my district and for the 71 to provide the kind of low affordability for our citizens.

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So I really want to thank y'all. >> Mayor Adler: Great. Thank you. Any further comments before we vote? Those in favor of the consent agenda please raise your hand. Those opposed? That's unanimous, with councilmember alter off the dais. With that I think we've taken care of all the business on the Austin housing finance corporation. You guys are on screen with us ever so briefly as we go through the consent items. Please know that we understand and appreciate all the work that actually goes behind. These are pretty significant decisions, pretty massive contributions and assistance coming from the city, really important as we help move and facilitate affordable housing. I think the statistic that I have for the state of the city was that in our first year I think there were zero

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permanent supportive housing brought on. The second 40 and we've done like 600 in the last couple of years and that's you guys' work. I want to A.M. All of that. With that, the meeting of the Austin housing finance corporation is done, it's adjourned. Thank you. It is 11:59. And at 11:59 we're going to reconvene the Austin city council meeting here on Thursday, September 2nd, 2021. We have one speaker, colleagues, so I'll call that speaker now and then before we break for lunch maybe we can handle a couple of these things that I think will be done in a matter of seconds. And then we can decide timing for the executive session and returning. Remember we have speakers signed up ongoing right now for this afternoon, but the best estimate is that we won't have any discussion items. Let's go ahead and call the speaker that we have signed up.

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Is sugar Tennon here? Is sugar Tennon here? I'm going to call Angela Benavides Garza that I understand may not be here, but I wanted to call her name. Is there anyone here signed up for citizens communications speaker that I have overlooked? All right. Then we have no speakers on citizen communication. Colleagues, let's see if we can handle a couple more things on our agenda. We have some non-consent items that maybe we can handle here quickly. What about item number 53. That is the public hearing on the pard grant. I'm going to see if we can

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call 53, 54 and 55. 54, by the way, which is postponed. So we just want to state that publicly. The public hearing on the urban renewal plan is being postponed to 10-14, but do we have someone here on pard on 53 and the annexation issue, 55? >> Yes. >> Mayor Adler: And you're bringing in staff to speak to these or no? Is there a motion to approve -- is there anyone here to speak on 53 or 55? We called speakers this morning.

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No one answering that call. Is there a motion to approve the resolution in item number 53? Councilmember Renteria makes the motion. Is there a second? Councilmember Ellis seconds. Any discussion? Those in favor of item 53 please raise your hand? Those opposed? It's unanimous on the dais with councilmember alter off. 54 is being postponed to 10 N 14. Item number 55 is there a motion to approve the ordinance for the full purpose annexion? Councilmember Kelly makes the motion. Is there a second to that motion? Councilmember Ellis seconds. Any discussion? Those in favor of this item

please raise your hand. Those opposed. It's unanimous on the dais with councilmember alter gone. Colleagues, I think that leaves us the pulled items, 13, 19, 43 through 45 and

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item number 48. 71 has been handled at this point as has number 8. Does anybody think those things will go quickly? Any of the pulled items? We didn't do 71 yet. Sorry. Anticipating it. Let's do that one. Let's take that action now. Does someone want to make a motion on item number 71? Councilmember pool. Councilmember pool moves -- >> Pool: I'll move adoption of the language that the staff has provided to us. >> Mayor Adler: Is that language posted now in backup? Yes, it's now posted in backup. It's the language that tracks pretty -- exactly what the supreme court had suggested as part of their order to us. It's been moved and

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seconded. Councilmember Casar? >> Casar: Mayor, I'm going to support this motion. I appreciate the fact that the courts saw that it was a key feature to include the nearly potential 600-million-dollar cost. I appreciate that it would seem to be misleading to not include that. I'm pleased that it remains because it's such an important feature of this item on the ballot. I am troubled that some of the language we are being ordered to put on to the ballot in my view is misleading. There was nothing in the order from the supreme court that explicitly argued this point, but for example we are being asked to put on the ballot that this would enhance police accountable. When I review the proposition to me it doesn't say anything to me about enhancing accountability.

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And therefore when we put forward the initial balloting language it was objective, it didn't say whether something was better or worse or not enhanced or enhanced, it actually just said what the ballot language is. I am troubled of this precedence of being told to put something on the ballot that in my view miss leads voters. And as I read it and if anyone reads it there is nothing that is about enhancing accountability. We will look at the fiscal impact of it, but I think it will be really important as we continue to have a conversation as a community for us to find ways to make sure that folks are not misled about what is on the ballot. >> Mayor Adler: Further comment? When this came up before us before I talked about the language at length. I probably spoke on it longer than I normally do on things to kind of lay out

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the thinking. And at that time I indicated that I thought that perhaps the most important feature of this was the fiscal impact. You talk about something that's 300 to \$600 million over a five-year period of time, the implications that has for the budget is so large that I said that I thought that was perhaps the most important and salient feature. And the supreme court agreed and said that the omission of that in the language was misleading and inadequate under the law. So I appreciate the supreme court making sure that the most salient feature is still included. I do have some of the reservations expressed otherwise and I think that going forward with respect to how we do ballot language we should probably take a look at that to make sure that we figure out how to do it so that we make sure that people know what they're signing and intend to sign what they sign, made a lot of people that indicated that they wanted to change

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their name on petitions as this one was being counted, but I think all those other things are for discussion early in the day. I support the motion as well. Councilmember Renteria? >> Renteria: Thank you, mayor. I agree with you. This item that we're going to put on the ballot is going to have a potential major impact on our budget. We could face having to close libraries, a lot of our parks will go neglected. And there might even be a possibility of having to lay off some of our employees, which is a very dangerous thing to have in the way it's written up. And I'm going to be voting for it but I do have deep reservations about this ballot language that we're going to put on there

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because it's so misleading to our public, and I guess we just have a job to educate our voters of what they're going to be voting on. So I just want to let our citizens know that this is something that could have major impact on this. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. Any further discussion? Yes, councilmember Fuentes. >> Fuentes: Thank you. I wanted to also share my sentiments that I'm glad the court upheld the fiscal note portion of this proposition. I think it's important that austinites know the fiscal impact of what this would have between \$271.5 million all the way up to potentially \$528 million. It's important to know the fiscal note with this proposition and the impact that this could cause and how that would tie our hands as local policymakers and we

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would have to look at making cuts. So the more opportunities we can have for our community to be informed about this and potential proposition and what it would cause. And to me it's that fiscal note

between 271 million to 598 million I'm really glad to see that to be part of the language. >> Mayor Adler: Any other discussion before we vote? Yes, councilmember Kelly. >> Kelly: I'm very happy that several of you agree that we needed a fiscal note on this. I would just like to add that I think moving forward it would be a great idea to put a fiscal note on a lot of the things that we do here at council so that people in the public can know and understand what the financial impact of the choices that we're making here have on our budget and other items and I think it sets a precedent that moving forward this is something that would be of value to

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the community. Thank you. >> Mayor Adler: Ready to take a vote? Colleagues? >> I think we need a second. >> Mayor Adler: I think councilmember pool moved it. Is there a second to this motion? Councilmember Casar seconds. Any further discussion? Let's take a vote. Those in favor of this item 71 please raise your hand? Those opposed? It's unanimous on the dais with councilmember alter off. >> Tovo: Mayor? I can now move approval on item 19i have a couple of comments just to provide some additional information about it. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. Councilmember tovo moves passage of item 19. Is there a second? Councilmember pool seconds. Any discussion? Councilmember tovo. >> Tovo: Yeah, so I had pulled this item and then I was able to get some more information from our Austin public health staff and I really appreciate that.

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I had pulled a similar kind of contract last week that the African-American harvest foundation was being contracted with to provide mental health services. Today is a similar one with the ywca and it is targeted toward the latinx and asian-american pacific islander community. The questions I got from staff is that the criteria that they use in the organizations applying had to have at least two years of experience working with the priority population and they also -- as part of the agreement the cwca has providing existing providers and staff and hiring multi-cultural and multi-lingual staff to better serve that community and they were also able to provide me with that information that they are getting referrals from organizations in the Austin area, including Asian family support services of Austin and have contracted with

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afsa to provide mental health services to the clients they serve. So I guess I would ask, manager, I think in some of these contracts that are new contracts or might not necessarily be the organization we think of in providing these services, if we could get -- clearly our staff have lots of background information and rationale that's gone into the selection of these particular vendors. If we could get a little bit more of

that in our backup information I think that would really help. I want to be sure that the people delivering these services are -- have been trained appropriately, have a range of languages. These are all the requirements of -- that I certainly want to be sure that the folks are contracting with havement. So thank you. I think this is a super important contract and super important services first identified as a look at by our asian-american quality of life commission. I'm glad to see this

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contract moving forward T. >> Mayor Adler: All right. Let's take a vote. Those in favor of this item 18, please raise your hand? Those opposed? It's -- on item 19. It's unanimous with councilmember alter gone. Councilmember tovo, the other, 43, 44, 45 are after executive session. 48 I think there's still language to be posted. That means item number 13, can we do item number 13? >> Tovo: We could certainly try. I want to know that I believe we did get a distribution of a third draft of mayor pro tem harper-madison's 48. So I don't know whether that -- I don't know whether we're waiting for that or not. But I can certainly jump into 13. >> Mayor Adler: Let's do 13 and mayor pro tem check if the draft is okay and we'll see if we can handle that too before we break. >> Tovo: My questions are for our staff. I'm number one trying to understand the wage requirements. So in the first response -- number one, let me say that we had some testimony earlier about the importance

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of Austin film studios, which I absolutely support. It's terrific that walker Texas is being filmed here. I'm hugely supportive of all those efforts and have demonstrated that in my leadership on this council and in my support for many of you all's initiatives on this council. I do have a request that may be able to be embedded within today's action and may need to come separately. I think this program needs some updates. It appears that it's not been updated since 2014, the criteria that are online refer to how much money is going to be set aside for the program in the school year 2014, but that's just one example of a range of ways in which I think this program really needs retooling. The staff have indicated in the question and answer that they are analyzing the criteria and will make programmatic revisions for council in the future. I don't know if our staff can tell us what the

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timeline is on that review and update. Shall I direct my questions to our assistant city manager? >> Crank: We do have assistant city manager Rodney Gonzalez to help to facilitate the response. >> Tovo: Firstly, do you have a time frame for when this will be updated? >> Thank you, council member. Yes, and other staff is -- Rodney Gonzalez, assistant city manager. Yes, and other staff is ready to answer that question about the timeline. To the other question about the policy we certainly welcome council

engagement and policy discussions on this and perhaps we do that in a future work session briefing to listen to council's concerns about the creative content program and policy changes that might be desired so that way we can work on those and then modify the policy accordingly. And with regard to the analysis we've got interim

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manager sylvia holt-rabb here and also other staff here who can speak to the specific analysis that you are requesting. >> Tovo: Really I'm just looking for at this moment a timeline on what your contemplated review is. >> Do we have that timeline? >> [Inaudible]. >> Mayor Adler: Ms. Holt-rabb, can you speak up, please? >> >> So we hope to bring an updated policy within the last quarter of this year. We have been working to get that in for review within the last quarter of 2021. >> Tovo: Super. Thank you. So the first time I asked the question the answer that we got back in the question

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and answer reaffirmed that the program guidelines stipulate \$11 an hour for video game and visual effects projects. When I questioned that because that's out of alignment with our city living wage policy for third-party agreements, the answer came back that -- I thought I saw a reference to the actual incentives -- incentive agreements. Here it is. While the creative content guidelines stipulate \$11, EdD requires the city of Austin's current living wage. So can you just verify for me whether -- what we're requiring of those who are applying for this. And let me also preface for my colleagues, we've only given one, two, three, four, five, we've only given five of these. Most of them were -- two were in 2014, one was in

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2016. And then this would be one of the three that we've done in 2020 to I productions that are on our agenda today. What are the requirements? >> I would like for Kyle to speak to the wage requirements. >> The wage requirements are as they are stipulated within the agreement, which is that all incentive agreements must pay their employees at least \$15 an hour, which is lane, and they must also pay or they must pay the union wages. So our agreements are tracking with what the policy is around living wage. >> >> Tovo: So I don't know that any of these have been video games, but basically the information I'm is just a bit outdated. What you're requiring is the living wage. >> Correct. What we're requiring is the living wage. As you noted a majority of

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the deals that we've considered have been within the last year or so. And because of the extensive deal flow we are really required to look at those requirements and program guidelines and as synovia mentioned we intend to update that very soon given the increased deal flow. >> Tovo: I appreciate you going back to that question and correcting it and I wonder if -- I haven't had a chance to look at what is in the q&a portal. The second answer about the wages really more accurately captures it. I think the first answer talks about is still as \$11 an hour. It was only in my follow-up that it was clarified that actually we're requiring not \$11 an hour, but 15. Again, I think it's a moot point because we haven't had my video games, but I think that information should be corrected. >> I do want to note we have incentivized certain

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affinity, which was incentivized for call of duty modern warfare, which is a video game. >> Tovo: I see, my.apologies. And that was in 2016? >> Correct. >> Tovo: So I asked a question about local spend and I'm confused about the answer. So local spend in the rca and in the criteria appears to be -- appears to be defined and you've clarified it in my question six, it is defined as Austin msa residents. So Travis, hays, Williamson, bastrop and Caldwell counties. >> That's correct. >> Tovo: And the calculation that you're using is based on local -- you've described in five that it's based on local

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wages. Is local also defined as the five-county region? >> It is. >> Tovo: So let me just highlight that I really think that's one area that needs looking at because we have such scarce general fund dollars right now and in years to come. And I would really want to understand what that impact is on the city of Austin since we're using city of Austin taxpayer dollars to help support this program and I'm not sure why we would be using city of Austin tax dollars to provide incentives for something that is -- and number in that calculation what the five county spend is. So I don't know if you can provide us -- let me highlight that as a concern and an area where I would like to see revision and perhaps at the work session or in a subsequent memo

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subsequent to today somebody can help me understand why local spend was defined in such a way to capturing counties outside our own and areas, geographic areas outside of our own. Because in the end we have a project, we're providing a 213,000-dollar incentive -- I'm summarizing the numbers. These aren't the exact. For something that's providing by our own estimates direct and indirect revenue of

260,000. So there's a very small spend here locally. If you look at how much we're spending on that incentive compared to the revenue it's taking in, it's very close. We're providing a 213,000-dollar incentive for what is said to be a

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260,000-dollar income for our city. So I think we should set the threshold higher? Nobody appears -- is anybody following that? That's not usually the way we characterize -- we don't usually set our incentives so close to the expected revenue and I think part of that is clearly happening because the way local spend has been defined. And then lastly, I would like to better understand the conversation we had at our budget session and I asked a question about this in the q&a but I'm not sure I'm following the answer. When we talked in budget I asked a specific question about the economic incentives reserve fund and I asked our staff to clarify whether all of the funding in that proposed budget line was already identified as reimbursements to chapter 3 yeti agreements that had met the rerequirements. And the answer that was returned to me was yes. So I asked that same question here in the q&a and

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the answer was yes again. However, I just don't -- I'm not sure where I'm misunderstanding here because clearly all of that money was not allocated to chapter 380 agreements, there were some other portions in here. So that's the first question. The second I have is it looks to me we have a line in here for film incentives of 150,000 and yet we're proposing to make a 213,000-dollar incentive payment. So where is the additional funding coming? So if you could help me understand better the answer that I received during our budget question -- during our budget workshop and then two, how we're paying for this particular film incentive if what was approved in the budget was a lower amount? >> Thank you, councilmember tovo, sill nobody I can't holt-rabb again. And yes, within the incentive reserve fund there are additional components and when I responded I responded specifically to the chapter 380.

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And so along with the chapter 380 payments within the fund, are also other funds related to workforce development, location enhancement, all of those programs that were brought forth as part of the chapter 380 rewrite. So those funds are also held within the economic incentive reserve fund. And as part of the budget proposal for the Austin economic development corporation, we have a line in there for their administrative costs. So to close the gap we're going to have to possibly adjust one of the other line items. So that's how we will make the payment. >> Tovo: Okay, thank you. Thanks for helping me understand that. So I had asked -- question I was asking was about chapter 380 agreements. I didn't ask

the question of whether there were -- and it was accurate for the chapter 380 agreements that all of that money was spoken for.

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The question I didn't ask was whether there was other money within the economic incentives reserve fund, though I think I did ask the question generally about the economic incentives reserve fund, but the answer was accurate for chapter 380, it just didn't speak to the other funding that was in the economic incentives reserve fund that was not already allocated or due back. And reason this was relevant is because we were really looking for general fund dollars and trying to well understand them. So these would have been areas that that were not yet allocated. So I'm sorry, I'm still not understanding where - - so one of the other line items here will need to be reduced to provide this film incentive? >> That is correct. >> Tovo: Do you know where that money will come from which of these line items? So it would have to come from capacity building, workforce development, location incentive or manufacturing up can grade loan program. Do you know where the additional funding will come

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from? >> We're still meeting internally to determine which programs would absorb the cut. >> Tovo: That gives me some pause, manager. We're allocating money from one of the other line items and it's without knowing which one is going to be impacted by it. I guess I'll provide direction that it not come from workforce development, which I think is really critical right now and something that our community has invested in. So -- or one of the things that our council has prioritized, not that the other ones aren't, but as I look at it here on the dais, knowing that we're going to need to make up a 63,000-dollar gap, I would like to make sure it doesn't come from workforce development. And can I ask please that we get a follow-up memo on where that additional funding was identified?

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>> We can provide a follow-up memo. >> Tovo: I believe that's my last question. Thank you very much. >> Thank you. >> Mayor Adler: I'm going to dead and move passage of item number 13? Is there a second to that? Councilmember Ellis seconds that. Any discussion? Let's take a vote, those in favor please raise your hand? >> Tovo: Mayor, I'm sorry, there is discussion in that I do want to make that stipulation part of the direction and also request that we have a work session scheduled -- I've basically made most of my points at this point. I don't know if my colleagues want to have that workforce -- want to have that conversation or not at a work session. I would say too I think the other -- there were a couple other elements that you might look at. One is that program projects

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must not have started production before being applied or approved. I assume we're waiving that today for the project before us, but that too might be another element that you want to consider as you look at the project guidelines of in terms of revisions. I'm hoping to have a conversation at work session or just to providing my thoughts directly. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. And the one element the direction to not come out of workforce development, does anybody have an issue with including that as a formal direction associated with this? Hearing none, that is part of the motion now. Councilmember Ellis. >> Ellis: I just did want to take a moment to say I appreciate that line of questioning and think that sometimes we need to look at our programs comprehensively, but this is already so far down the line I wanted to keep it moving for this particular situation, but definitely appreciate those being highlighted today. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. Then let's attack a vote. >> Tovo: I'm going to do

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the same. This as I've indicated raises some real need for revision for me and questions about when we're providing these really fierce subsidies and I'm going to support it today for the same reasons. They are working primarily between the guidelines, thank you. >> Mayor Adler: UT manager, obviously a lot of questions. You have to get back to us one way or the other. If it's appropriate do a work session we can do that, but at the very least a memo to follow up on the questions. Let's take a vote. Those in favor of the item please raise your hand? Those opposed? It's unanimous on the dais with councilmember alter gone. Colleagues, that leaves us the executive session with the compensation issues. Mayor pro tem, are we ready to vote on item number 48? >> Harper-madison: I actually just got a note about it. So let me read what this says, just a moment.

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It says sent out by the agenda office at 11:07 A.M., but it looks like there's one word that we are either considering striking or it looks like it's a typo. I think there's one thing that still needs repaired. >> Mayor Adler: Let's haam that after lunch. We'll come back and handle 48 then. Councilmember tovo -- pool, rather? >> Pool: I'm wondering, mayor pro tem, if the word that you caught is on line 10 #. I think it says the word should be reserve active, not respect. Okay. I was going to bring that up too. >> Mayor Adler: Are we ready to then approve item number 48 with that one additional change to respect or not respect? Did you say 103? Are you ready or do you want more time for this? Ready. Mayor pro tem moves passage of item number 48, version 3, I think. It's in backup. With that one word change.

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Seconded by councilmember Fuentes. Any discussion? Let's take a vote. Those in favor please raise your hand. Those opposed. Unanimous on the dais. Councilmember alter off. That takes care of that item. All right. Colleagues, it is 12:36. All we have left really are the zoning cases and the compensation cases, which are going to require us to be in executive session first. We could break until 2:00, do the speakers at 2:00, handle the consent agenda, which looks like it will be everything, and then go into executive session and then come out of executive session to take action. I'm just thinking if we take an hour for lunch it gives us an awkward 15 minutes and I'm not sure it will give us time to do anything and the speakers will want to be able to speak. So let's do that when we

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have flexibility today to do that. So here at 12:36 we're going to adjourn the Austin city council meeting. We will reconvene at 2:00. We will take speakers for the -- hopefully we can handle the consent agenda on zoning then go into executive session for items 43, 44 and 45 and we have the opportunity to come out and take action if that's something we want to do. See you guys here at 2:00. Councilmember Ellis? >> Ellis: I wanted to clarify you said adjourn, I think you meant recess. >> Mayor Adler: Recess. We'll be coming back. See you guys here at 2:00.

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>> Mayor Adler: It's 2:05 P.M. Before we do the speakers called at 2:00, one housekeeping matter. Item number 48 that we approved last session had another change into it that was agreed by the folks that didn't make it into the posted version. So I would entertain a motion to reconsider another vote on approval for item number 48 to reconsider that. Councilmember pool makes that motion. Is there a second to that motion? Councilmember Kelly seconds the motion. Any discussion? Those in favor please raise your hand. Those opposed. Appears to be unanimous with councilmember alter off. Now that it's back in front of us, -- mayor pro tem, do you want to move passage of item number 48 with the additional amendment? >> Harper-madison: I'd like to move passage of item

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number 48 with the additional amendment by mayor Adler. >> Mayor Adler: It's been moved. Seconded by councilmember Fuentes. Any discussion? Councilmember kitchen. >> Kitchen: So mayor Adler, I'm fine with this language, but I want to make some clarification because I'm not sure exactly what's intended. It says consider the current programs and capacity of the aedc. You know, there's a number of

programs in the aedc that I wouldn't want to -- we've already voted on doing. And I'm assuming that you're not intending to replace those programs, right? >> Mayor Adler: Not at all. I did say if they had extra capacity, I don't know the timing on this, you're not precluded from being able to talk to them until you can check with them. Maybe there's expertise there that they could lend, but certainly not to take them off task with things that we directed that board to do. >> Kitchen: Not divert funding that were dedicated for other things. >> Mayor Adler: That's

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correct. >> Kitchen: Okay. >> Mayor Adler: Those in favor of the item please raise your hand? It's unanimous on the dais with councilmember alter off. Colleagues, I'm going to turn the chair over to the mayor pro tem. I think what will happen is they'll call speakers. I think there are eight or 10 speakers to call. You can handle the consent agenda. I think that everything is on consent. So then the mayor pro tem can take everybody into executive session, which will be held remotely for the discussion on the three personnel matters. You don't need to wait for me if you're able to resolve that. Then you can come back out, pass those three items. If you're in a position to be able to do that. And then adjourn meeting. I will try to get back as quickly as I can. Probably will be just about 3:00ish, but on these items you have my full support to move forward if you're able to do that.

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Mayor pro tem, your dais. >> Harper-madison: Thank you, mayor. I see that Jerry is up there. We are going straight to speakers, correct? In which case we're going to go to speakers. It looks like our first speaker is Austin Feister. Okay. Second speaker on my list is Austin Barry. And then we have Patrick Hauck. >> I can take this off? I can take my mask off to speak? >> Harper-madison: Your level of comfort? >> Sorry. >> Harper-madison: That's up to your level of comfort. >> Great. Good afternoon, mayor and council. I'm Patrick Hauck, kealing neighborhood neighborhood association president and one of the two representatives to the central east Austin contact team, the organization of

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central east Austin neighborhoods. This month marks exactly a decade since I became a 12th street homeowner and a resident within the urb and nccd area near the corner of 12th and Lamar. They are also in support of other leadership. They send you good wishes and wisdom in all our actions today and hope to join you on November 14th via video conference. Thank you for considering our postponement request. These drafts have been two years in coming to you. They represent thousands of hours of commission, staff and community time. That includes the urb and planning commission who strove to carry forward the agreements that we and so many others spent thousands of hours striving to set the

corridors up, not just for immediate future, but for decades. There's a lot that can go incredibly well or side ways in this final review. These complex documents are the regulatory dryers for successful, inclusive revitalization and preservation of corridors coursing through the six neighborhoods of central

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east. It basically comes down to time and attention and we're grateful if you're willing to give it. We recognize that new eyes might bring big unanticipated proposals like what mayor pro tem surfaced at work serks something that has not been discussed or raised when they met with her on Monday and the potential amendments under consideration. We anticipate there might be more and respectfully ask council to respect to previewing amendments and motions in a manner that allows ample time for public review before you take action. Please do not drop big surprises on our community or the public at large. Additionally we would appreciate clarification about who in the law department has been fielding d1 constituent questions about the legal effect of proposed language that impact our properties so we can follow up directly on issues that have not been resolved. Finally, we urge you to please do all you can to expand public testimony options for people in isolation and those who must minimize their potential exposure to covid as it would put them, their he

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wouldly loved ones or unvaccinated minors at risk. Thank you for taking into account opportunities to participate and posting of substantial amendments and we look forward to engaging with you on November 14th should you vote to postpone those items. Thank you. >> Harper-madison: Thank you. I believe the last name is Zane. I can't pronounce -- the last name is Zain. Last name is faidi. No? Okay. In which case I believe that concludes our speakers. >> [Inaudible]. >> Harper-madison: I'm sorry, you're not on my list. What item were you signed up to speak? >> [Inaudible].

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>> Harper-madison: How do I handle that? Give it to the clerk? Would you like to go over and give your name to the clerk when you're done speaking? You can go ahead and come up to the podium. You are my neighbor. Good to see you. >> So I know we know a lot bit about 12th street together. Thanks, everyone for letting me speak. I apologize for not being prepared as I would like to be today. I was hoping there would be more folks speaking. I'm afraid that I'm going to have to speak for several of my neighbors. The development on 12th street is near and dear to those folks who live in the neighborhood. I think there's a lot of care there and I'm -- again, I'm a little disappointed more folks aren't here today. But we've talked about it in our neighborhood association and have been talking

about it for years what's going to happen. And I'll echo the previous speaker saying that we would like a little bit more time

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to consider these proposed changes. We'd like time to meet with our neighborhood associations and understand what -- how this is going to impact us. As far as buildings -- my property backs up to 12th street. I live on 13th street, so I share an alley with 12th street. I'm a little concerned about the setbacks for new development. On a typical residential street you've got about 35 feet of streetway. You've got a 20-foot setback for houses on either side so there's a lot of open space. When you build a development directly up to an alley with very little setback and if we're talking about increasing the height of this potential development on this street, we're going to be impacting residents up and down 12th street. I would like to have a little more consideration for design standards,

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consideration of the trash in the alleyway that's going to come from commercial property. Also the fact that if we're talking about multi-family, these residences are going to have direct views into the backwards of single-family homes. So maybe design standards for consideration of higher level windows. I'm not necessarily opposed to density. I think that that's not such a bad thing it's just we need to be considerate of how it's done and that it's done right. And with consideration of the neighborhood and the history of the neighborhood, which I know Natasha knows how important the history is and I want there to be a sense activity on 12th street to the culture that was there before us. So that's all I have to say. Thank you. >> Harper-madison: Thank you. Meghan, if you wouldn't mind don't forget to go over to the clerk. Thank you the. All right.

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Was anybody else anticipating speaking? >> Mayor pro tem? I believe Doug young also registered to speak, but he wasn't called. For item 64. >> Harper-madison: 54? >> 64. >> [Inaudible - no mic]. >> Harper-madison: Okay, Mr. Young. All right, folks, with that I believe we're going to break for executive session. So the city council will now go into closed session to take up three items pursuant to section 551.074 of the government code the city council will discuss personnel -- I'm sorry? Go ahead. Councilmember kitchen. >> Kitchen: I thought that we were going -- maybe I'm wrong. I was thinking that maybe we were taking up zoning first. >> Casar: The consent agenda of zoning potentially. >> Harper-madison: I thought he said speakers and executive session. >> Casar: Are there any items not on consent?

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I think they're all consent. >> Kitchen: We can just do it fast if it's okay with you. >> Tovo: Mayor pro tem, I do see some individuals raising their hands. I'm not sure whether they were signed up to speak and intended to? >> Kitchen: No, they're not. >> Tovo: So is the intent that -- >> Harper-madison: [Inaudible]. >> Kitchen: I thought that since all the zoning were on consent we could have Jerry do that and take care of that and then do into executive session. >> >> Harper-madison: [Indiscernible]. >> Casar: But then also to councilmember tovo's question, are folks interested in the folks in the back, do we have a similar mistake who folks wanted to site plan up and didn't speak on zoning cases? Homestead you have to forgive me, I can't hear you. >> Casar: I didn't know if there was a mistake for

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folks in the chamber to speak. >> Harper-madison: And asked and nobody responded. >> Casar: Sounds good. That might include Mr. Young because I think we are taking up all the zoning cases now. >> Kitchen: Mr. Young is an applicant if we need him. Army as per that question of councilmember kitchen we'll go over to Jerry to go through the zoning cases. >> Thank you, mayor pro tem and council, I'm Jerry rusthoven with the housing and planning department ready to take you through today's zoning schedule. >> Harper-madison: Hang on a moment. Can everybody hear Jerry okay? I'm struggling a little. You guys can all hear. >> Okay. Our first item is item 60, case c-14-2021-0033, the 11th street nccd, this is a postponement request by the staff to October 14th. It is related to item 54, which you postponed earlier today. Our next item is item number 61, case c-14-2021-0037, this is a 12th street nccd

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also related to item 54, which was proposed earlier and this case is also a staff postponement request to October 14th. Our next item is item number 62, case c-14-2021-0016, I can offer this case for consent approval on second and three readings. Item number 63 is case c-14-2021-0105, this case is related to item 55, which you approved earlier today. I can offer this case for consent approval on all three readings. Item number 64 is case c-14-2020-08131, I can offer this for approval on second and three readings. Item number 65 is case c-14-2021-0107, this indicates, mayor pro tem and council, the applicant has offered to do some additional transportation improvements that cannot be included in a coastal. Those improvements are the construction of a crosswalk and handicapped ramps at Texas parks and wildlife boulevard and McKinney falls

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parkway as well as a 10-foot shared use path along the frontage of McKinney falls parkway and this project. Applicant has provided a letter to myself, the site plan case manager, as well as the Austin transportation department committee to make those improvements at the time of site plan. And with that I can offer this case for consent approval on all three readings. That's item number 65. Item number 66 is case hr2021-085731 as well as hr2021-085739. This is a postponement request by the staff to September 30th. The item from the addendum case number 75, c-14-2019-0059. I can offer that for approval on all three readings and that concludes zoning agenda. >> Harper-madison: Thank you. Councilmember pool? >> Pool: I move approval of the consent agenda. >> Harper-madison: The consent agenda is moved by councilmember pool and seconded by councilmember Ellis.

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All in favor of the consent agenda? Zoning consent agenda? Looks like unanimous with mayor Adler and councilmember alter off the dais. >> Thank you, mayor pro tem and council. >> Harper-madison: Thank you. Now with that I actually do believe we are going to go into executive session. Okay, the city council will now go into closed session to take up three items pursuant to section 551.074 of the government code, the city council will discuss personnel matters related to number 56, consider compensation and benefits for the city clerk. 57, consider compensation and benefits for the city auditor. And 58, consider compensation and benefits for the municipal court clerk. Is there any objection to going

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>> Mayor Adler: I reconvene the Austin city council meeting. We were in closed session. Here it is at 4:08. While we were in closed session we took up and handled items 56, 57 and 58. We have a quorum, we're now back out in regular session. We're going to consider items 43, 44 and 45. Do you want to come on up and help us? This is what we discussed in executive session. We have three blanks in

numbers 43, 44 and 45. You've done the calculations for us. What is the number that goes in the blank in 43? >> For the city auditor it would be an annual salary of

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\$179,961.60. >> Mayor Adler: What about for 44? >> For the city clerk, \$153,608. >> Mayor Adler: And what about for 45, the municipal court clerk? >> \$159,598.40. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. Filling in the blanks that way is there someone who moves passage of items 43, 44 and 45? Councilmember pool makes that motion, seconded by councilmember Kelly. Those are moved and seconded. Any discussion? On those three items? Mayor pro tem, I can't see you. I'm going to check and see if there was something you wanted to say? >> Harper-madison: Thanks for asking, no thank you. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. Let's go ahead and take a vote. Those in favor of passage of items 43, 44, 45, please

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raise your hand. Those opposed. It's unanimous on the dais. Not with us are council members alter and Casar. Those items all pass. I think, colleagues, those are all the items that we have on our agenda. Good work today. It is 4:12. And I think our next council meeting here -- obviously there will be a lot of work going on, but next council meeting I think is towards the end of the month. So with that said, this meeting is adjourned. Thank you all.